MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have the Government any control over these members, such as attending meetings, etc ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They expect that when they are nominated members, they will be present at the meetings.

Higher education in fisheries.

342. * MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have selected candidates to be sent abroad for higher education in fisheries in connection with the Post War Reconstruction scheme; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any candidate selected from Araya community ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Rural Development Officer in taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad.

343. * MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what work was done by the Rural Development Officer in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad in the year 1121;

(*b*) the date from which that officer was functioning; and

(*c*) the rural centre visited by that officer in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) The Rural Development Officer visited the two taluks in order to study local conditions for the preparation of a scheme for the expansion of rural development activities.

(*b*) 7-8-1121.

(*c*) There is no Rural Centre in the Parur taluk. The officer visited the Sacred Heart Orphanage Rural Development Centre, Mookannoor, Angamali in the Kunnatnad taluk.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the member, the salary of the Rural Development Officer ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Two hundred rupees per mensem.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he intends to prepare a scheme under the direction of the Government or on his own initiative ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: He will prepare a scheme in accordance with the directions given by the Economic Development Board and of course it will be submitted to the Board for their consideration and then it will be submitted to Government who will pass final orders.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the Economic Development Board has issued directions to this officer to prepare a scheme?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They have issued directions as to what he should do to start with.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know whether Rural Development Officers are appointed for other taluks as well ?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The present officer is for the whole State.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): May I know who this officer is?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: He is Mr. Kesavan Nair.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether a single officer will be able to cope with the Rural Development work in the whole State?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is only in the initial stage. The question whether some more have to be appointed will be considered when the occasion arises.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what is the nature of his previous experience in the line?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: He was in the Co-operative Department; afterwards he was Inspector of Industries in the Industries Department and so he had come into contact with the various activities of the Co-operative and Industries Departments. The activities with which he will be in charge in future will be those which have a great deal to do with industries and co-operation.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether he has got any experience in British India—the Wardha Scheme and the Village Industries Association or any other centre?

PRESIDENT: What are the industries that obtain in Wardha?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Soap making, paper making, oil pressing, spinning etc., and other modern methods.

PRESIDENT: What are the modern methods?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I have seen them. Cottage Industries have been developed to a very great extent.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether this officer will have anything to do with Village Panchayats?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is yet to be decided.

Labourers.

344. ❋ MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the classes of labourers who fall within the scope of the Factories Act?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Both skilled and unskilled workers who come under the definition of 'worker' under Section 2 (*h*) of the Travancore Factories Act VIII of 1114.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഫാക്ററിയിൽ ജോലിക്കാക്ക് ക്ലിപ്പ് പ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള കുറഞ്ഞ സമയം ഇപ്പോൾ എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാൻ മയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That does not arise out of this question, but still I shall say that action is being taken in accordance with the provision recently made by the Government of India that the number of hours should be reduced to 48.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: അങ്ങനെ ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാത്ത ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു വിഭാഗം ഈ ഫാക്ററിന്റെ പരിധിയിൽ വരുമോ?

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